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SUBJECT: ISRAELI OPINION RE RESUMPTION HOSTILITIES

1. COMMUNICATION FROM ACTING DIRECTOR FBI DATED MAY 2 AND BEING DISSEMINATED IN USG BEGINS, " ON MAY 2, A HIGH- PLACED OFFICIAL OF AN ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION EGYPT' S RECENT THREATS TO INITIATE AN ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL WILL PROBABLY BE CARRIED OUT SINCE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT CANNOT AFFORD ADDITIONAL EMPTY THREATS AS HE HAS IN PAST FEW YEARS. OFFICIAL STATED THAT THIS ACTION BY EGYPT MAY MANIFEST ITSELF IN AN ATTEMPT TO CROSS SUEZ CANAL IN HOPE THAT SOME TYPE OF ' WORLD INTER-VENTION' MAY BRING ACTION TO A HALT AT A TIME WHEN EGYPT HAS BEEN ABLE TO REGAIN SOME OF ITS TERRITORY LOST IN 1967". OFFICIAL CONCLUDES THAT IN THIS CASE ALL OUT WAR WOULD ENSUE, ENDING IN DESTRUCTION EGYPT' S ARMED FORCES, INVOLVEMENT OF SYRIA AND ITS SUFFERING SAME FATE.

2. THIS ASSESSMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIGH ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL MAY 2 SEEMS AT VARIANCE WITH CONCLUSION OTHER HIGH ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS APRIL 29 THAT LIKELIHOOD OF  
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RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES IS VERY LOW ( USDAO P 301315 APR 73).

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS. ROGERS

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